also sent to Frank Wilson

Dear Richard,

The enclosed rough draft of a long possible magazine article grew a bit as I gave it more thought. It does, I believe, move criticism of the official assassination mythology to a new, different and much higher level. And it certainly is Byzantine! Because it is, new and significant I hope some effort may be made to place it. I'll try to find someone here who can retype it. I send it in advance of that so you can get an idea of what it is and what can be done with it.

As you know, my primary interest now is in perfecting the record for our history to the degree I can. So I made no effort to condense it. But cutting will not be difficult.

In thinking further about this, if it is of interest, it should not be difficult to make it into a small book.

Russell also told me he was satisfied the Commission had not been told all the agencies knew about Oswald. In fact, although I did not know it at that time, that is how the statement he gave at that executive session all records of which Rankin and others saw to it would not exist begins.

That makes appropriate the executive-session consideration of reports that Oswald was some kind of an agent. And those transcripts are little known. That I've published the two most important ones in facsimile still leaves very few people with any knowledge of them. So the 14-page one of 1/22 where they confess their intention to find there was no conspiracy and bewail their fear of the FBI, which wants them to fold their tents and just disappear, and wind up deciding to destroy that transcript, could be used in facsimile. Excepts from that of five days later are appropriate. You can get an idea from the back cover of Whitewash IV.

There was one in between, where they had the Texas Court of Inquiry people up. Rankin also saw to it that there would be no court reporter there then, too. Instead he prepared a memo on it. That memo discloses that to avoid the real lead they had from Texas on Oswald's alleged number, not an FBI number but consistent with the CIA'a numbering, they limited the little they did to what they knew was not the right number, one attributed to the FBI, and made absolutely no inquiry at all about the correct one.

This, the 14-page one and the phony one of September 18, 1964 can be used in facsimile as can excepts from that of 1/27. In itself that should be exciting. People never see those things and with their Top Secret stamps on them.

I've interviewed the source of this Oswald as an agent stuff and he now does not respond to my asking him about going public. He is a friend. He was then and is now a reporter. I've also interviewed two of the members of that Texas Court of Inquiry. They recalled nothing about this number business. Or at least so said. One, then Dallas District Attorney, Henry Wade, remains a friend. The other, the prestidegous dean emer-

itis of the TCU law school, is now dead. Both told me they saw it all being taken down by a stenographer but no transcriot exists and no court reporter was present.

A nice added touch is that the also prestigious Leon Jawowski, Texas Court's counsel, wrote a letter to the owner of the paper for ~~that~~ whom that reporter worked when he started that business of Oswald as an agent suggesting that the reporter, Lonnie Hudkins, either provide an affidavit denying it all or that he be fired. No effort to learn if it was true. Or even that he was still with that paper, as he wasn't. How The Watergate was investigated, too.

Or, this enclosed lengthy article can be expanded into a small and I think exciting book. With what is new and could help the book John Newman is doing for either you and C & G or for it. Without diminishing his in any way.

I'd like to hear from you on this so I'll know what to do and what not to do, but most of all on whether some effort can be made to place the article in a magazine that uses long articles. Such a use would not hurt and might help a short book.

Best

Harold

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